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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Randolph Noelle, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1644

Application Serial No. 09/849,969

Examiner: P. Gambel

Filed: May 8, 2001

Title: METHOD TO TREAT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WITH Gp39 SPECIFIC ANTIBODIES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

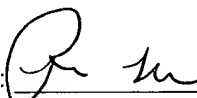
Sir:

In response to the Office Action [Election of Species Requirement] Applicants elect, with traverse, diabetes as the species. The traversal is on the basis that the genus is relatively small (four diseases) and that the diseases are all related in that they are T cell mediated autoimmune diseases.

It is assumed that the Election is for purposes of examination and that upon a determination that the elected species is allowable, that the Examiner will extend the search to non-elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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